# The Fermat Meet and Reciprocal Fermat Meet Matrices on A sets

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# Abstract

Fermat meet and Reciprocal Fermat meet matrices on A sets are considered and their determinants, inverses and the matrices are expressed in terms of A-sets.

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# **1** Introduction

Let  $S = \{x_i, x_2, ..., x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integesr ,and let f be an arithmetical function. Then  $n \times n$  matrix (*S*) whose i,j-entry is the greatest common divisor ( $x_i, x_j$ ) of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  is called the GCD matrix on S[1, 2, 4, 5]. The set S is said to be *factor-closed* if it contains every divisor of any element of S,and the set S is said to be *GCD-closed* if it contains the greatest common divisor of any two elements of S[2, 3, 7]. Let  $(P, \wedge)$  be a meet-semilattice and let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$  be a subset of P. Then S is an A-set if  $A = \{x_i \wedge x_j \mid x_i \neq x_j\}$  is a chain. For example, chains and a-sets (with  $A = \{a\}$ ) are known trivial A-sets. The meet matrix (S)<sub>f</sub> on S with respect to a function  $f : P \to C$  is defined as  $((S)_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \wedge x_j)$ .

If  $f(x_i \wedge x_j) = 2^{2^{x_i \wedge x_j}} + 1$  then the n × n meet matrix obtained is called the Fermat meet matrix on S.

If  $f(x_i \wedge x_j) = \frac{1}{2^{2^{x_i \wedge x_j}} + 1}$  then the n × n meet matrix obtained is called the Reciprocal Fermat meet matrix on S.

We say that *S* is an *A*-set if the set  $A = \{x_i \land x_j / x_i \neq x_j\}$  is a chain (an *A*-set need not be meet-closed). For example, chains and *a*-sets (with  $A = \{a\}$  are known trivial *A* sets. Since the method, presented in [10], adapted to *A*-sets might not be sufficiently effective, we give a new structure theorem for (*S*)<sub>*f*</sub> where *S* is an *A*-set. One of its features is that it supports recursive function calls.

By the structure theorem we obtain a recursive formula for  $\det(S)_f$  and for  $(S_f)^{-1}$  on *A*-sets. By dissolving the recursion on certain sets we also obtain e.g. the known explicit determinant and inverse formulae on chains and *a*-sets.

Note that  $(\mathbf{Z}+,|) = (\mathbf{Z}+, \text{gcd}, \text{lcm})$  is a locally finite lattice, where | is the usual divisibility relation and gcd and lcm stand for the greatest common divisor and the least common multiple of integers. Thus meet matrices are generalizations of GCD matrices  $((S)_f)_{ij} = f(\text{gcd}(x_i, x_j))$  and therefore the results in this paper also hold for GCD. For general accounts of GCD matrices, see [11]. Meet matrices are also generalizations

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of GCUD matrices, the unitary analogies of GCD matrices, see [12]. Thus the results also hold for GCUD matrices.

#### DEFINITIONS

**Definition 2.1** The binary operation  $\sqcap$  is defined by

 $S_1 \sqcap S_2 = [x \land y / x \in S_1, y \in S_2, x \neq y]$ where  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are nonempty subsets of P. Let S be a subset of P and let  $a \in P$ . If  $S \sqcap S = \{a\}$ , then the set S is said to be an **a-set**.

**Definition 2.2** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a subset of P with  $x_i < x_j \Rightarrow i < j$  and let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$  be a multichain (i.e. a chain where duplicates are allowed) with  $a_1 \le a_2 \le \dots \le a_{n-1}$ . The set S is said to be an A-set if  $\{x_k\} \sqcap \{x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n\} = \{a_k\}$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Every chain  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is an A-set with  $A = S \setminus \{x_n\}$  and every a-set is always an A-set with  $A = \{a\}$ .

**Definition 2.3** Let *f* be a complex-valued function on *P*. Then the  $n \times n$  matrix  $(S)_f$ , where  $((S)_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \wedge x_j)$ , is called the meet matrix on *S* with respect to *f*. Also the  $n \times n$  matrix  $(S)_f$ , where  $((S)_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \wedge x_j) = 2^{2^{x_i \wedge x_j}} + 1$  is called the Fermat meet matrix on *S*.

**Definition 2.4** Let *f* be a complex-valued function on *P*. Also the  $n \times n$  matrix  $(S)_f$ , where  $((S)_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \wedge x_j) = \frac{1}{2^{2^{x_i \wedge x_j}} + 1}$  is called the Reciprocal Fermat meet matrix on S.

In what follows, let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  always be a finite subset of P with  $x_i < x_j \Rightarrow i < j$ . Let also  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$  with  $a_i < a_j \Rightarrow i < j$ . Note that S has always n distinct elements, but it is possible that the set A is a multiset. Let f be a complex-valued function on P.

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#### **3.1 Structure Theorem**

**Theorem 3.1 (Structure Theorem)** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an A-set, where  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$  is a multichain. Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  denote the functions on P defined by  $f_1 = f$  and

$$f_{k+1}(x) = f_k(x) - \frac{f_k(a_k)^2}{f_k(x_k)}$$
(3.1)

for k = 1, 2, ..., n - 1. Then

$$(S)_f = M^T D M, (3.2)$$

where  $D = \text{diag}(f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2), \dots, f_n(x_n))$  and M is the  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix with 1's on its main diagonal, and further

$$(M)_{ij} = \frac{f_i(a_i)}{f_i(x_i)}$$
(3.3)

for all i < j. (Note that  $f_1, \ldots, f_n$  exist if and only if  $(f_k(x_k) = 0, a_k \neq x_k) \Rightarrow f_k(a_k) = 0$ 

holds for all k = 1, 2, ..., n-1. In the case  $f_k(a_k) = f_k(x_k) = 0$  we can write e.g.  $(M)_{kj} = 0$ for all k < j. *Proof*: Let i < j. Then  $(M^T D M)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n (M)_{ki} (D)_{kk} (M)_{kj} = f_i(a_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \frac{f_k(a_k)^2}{f_k(x_k)}$ (3.4)

 $=f_i(a_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (f_k(a_i) - f_{k+1}(a_i)) = f_1(a_i) = f(x_i \wedge x_j).$ 

The case i = j is similar, we only replace every  $a_i$  with  $x_i$  in (3.4). Since  $M^TDM$  is symmetric, we do not need to treat the case i > j.

#### 3.2 Determinant of Fermat Meet and Reciprocal Fermat Meet matrices on A-sets

By Structure Theorem we obtain a new recursive formula for  $det(S)_f$  on A-sets.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $S = \{ x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \}$  be an A-set, where  $A = \{ a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1} \}$ 

is a multichain. Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be the functions defined in (3.1). Then

 $\det (S)_f = f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2) \dots \dots f_n(x_n), \tag{3.5}$ 

By Theorem 3.2 we obtain a known explicit formula for  $det(S)_f$  on chains presented in [7, Corollary 3] and [13, Corollary 1].

**Corollary 3.1** If  $S = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$  is a chain, then

Det  $(S)_f = f(x_1) \prod_{k=2}^n (f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1}))$ 

*Proof*: By Theorem 3.2 we have

 $det(S)_f = f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2)....f_n(x_n)$ , where  $f_1 = f$  and

 $f_{k+1}(x) = f_k(x) - f_k(x_k) = f(x) - f(x_k)$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . This completes the proof.

By Theorem 3.2 we also obtain a known explicit formula for det(*S*)<sub>*f*</sub> on *a*-sets. This formula has been presented (with different notation) in [13, Corollary of Theorem 3] and [10,Corollaries 5.1 and 5.2], and also in [16, Theorem 3] in number-theoretic setting. The case f(a) = 0 is trivial, since then  $(S)_f = \text{diag}(f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_n))$  and det $(S)_f = f(x_1)f(x_2), \dots, f(x_n)$ .

**Corollary 3.2** Let  $S = \{ x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \}$  be an a-set, where  $f(a) \neq 0$ . If  $a \in S$  (i.e.  $a = x_1$ ), Then  $\det(S)_f = f(a)(f(x_2) - f(a)), \dots, (f(x_n) - f(a))$ . If  $a \notin S$ , then  $\det(S)_f = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f(a)(f(x_1) - f(a)), \dots, (f(x_n) - f(a))}{f(x_k) - f(a)}$ (3.8)

$$+ (f(x_1) - f(a))....(f(x_n) - f(a)).$$

#### **Example 3.1 Fermat matrix**

Let  $(P, \leq \cdot) = (\mathbb{Z}+, |)$  and  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

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Then  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 2^{2^{1}} + 1 & 2^{2^{1}} + 1 & 2^{2^{1}} + 1 \\ 2^{2^{1}} + 1 & 2^{2^{2}} + 1 & 2^{2^{1}} + 1 \\ 2^{2^{1}} + 1 & 2^{2^{1}} + 1 & 2^{2^{3}} + 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Since *S* is an *A*-set with the chain *A* = {1,1} by (3.1) we have *f*<sub>1</sub> = *f*, *f*<sub>2</sub>(*x*) = *f*<sub>1</sub>(*x*) - *f*<sub>1</sub>(1)<sup>2</sup>/*f*<sub>1</sub>(1) and *f*<sub>3</sub>(*x*) = *f*<sub>2</sub>(*x*) - *f*<sub>2</sub>(1)<sup>2</sup>/*f*<sub>2</sub>(2). and. Let *f*(*x*) = 2<sup>2<sup>x</sup></sup> + 1. Then *f*<sub>1</sub>(*x*) = 2<sup>2<sup>x</sup></sup> + 1, *f*<sub>2</sub>(*x*) = 2<sup>2<sup>x</sup></sup> - 4, *f*<sub>3</sub>(*x*) = 2<sup>2<sup>x</sup></sup> - 4 and by Theorem 3.1 (*S*)<sub>*f*</sub> = M<sup>T</sup>DM, where D=diag(5,12,252)and M =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

and by Theorem 3.2 we have  $det(S)_f = f_1(1)f_2(2)f_3(3) = 5(12)(252) = 15120$ .

## **Example 3.1 Reciprocal Fermat matrix**

Let  $(P, \leq) = (\mathbb{Z}+,|)$  and  $S = \{1,2,3\}$ . Then  $S = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2^{2^{1}}+1} & \frac{1}{2^{2^{1}}+1} & \frac{1}{2^{2^{1}}+1} \\ \frac{1}{2^{2^{1}}+1} & \frac{1}{2^{2^{2}}+1} & \frac{1}{2^{2^{1}}+1} \\ \frac{1}{2^{2^{1}}+1} & \frac{1}{2^{2^{1}}+1} & \frac{1}{2^{2^{3}}+1} \end{bmatrix}$  Since *S* is an *A*-set with the chain  $A = \{1,1\}$  by (3.1) we have  $f_{1} = f, f_{2}(x) = f_{1}(x) - f_{1}(1)^{2}/f_{1}(1)$  and  $f_{3}(x) = f_{2}(x) - f_{2}(1)^{2}/f_{2}(2)$ . Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{2^{x}}+1}$ . Then  $f_{1}(x) = \frac{1}{2^{2^{x}}+1}, f_{2}(x) = \frac{1}{2^{2^{x}}+1} - \frac{1}{5}, f_{3}(x) = \frac{1}{2^{2^{x}}+1} - \frac{1}{5}$ 

and by Theorem 3.1 (*S*)<sub>*f*</sub>= M<sup>T</sup>DM, where D=diag(1/5,-12/85,-252/1285)and M =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and by Theorem 3.2 we have det(*S*)<sub>*f*</sub> = *f*<sub>1</sub>(1)*f*<sub>2</sub>(2)*f*<sub>3</sub>(3) =(1/5)(-12/85)(-252/1285) = 3024/5,46,125.

## **3.3 Inverse of Fermat and Reciprocal Fermat meet matrices on** *A***-sets**

By Structure Theorem we obtain a new recursive formula for  $(S_f)^{-1}$  on *A*-sets. **Theorem 3.3** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an *A*-set, where  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$  is a multichain. Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be the functions defined in (3.1), where  $f_i(x_i) \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $(S)_f$  is invertible and  $(S_f)^{-1} = N \Delta N^T$  (3.9)

where  $\Delta = \text{diag}(1/f_1(\mathbf{x}_1), 1/f_2(\mathbf{x}_2), \dots, 1/f_n(\mathbf{x}_n))$  and N is the  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix with 1's on its main diagonal, and further

$$(N)_{ij} = -\frac{f_i(a_i)}{f_i(x_i)} \prod_{k=i+1}^{j-1} \left(1 - \frac{f_k(a_k)}{f_k(x_k)}\right)$$
(3.10)

for all i < j.

*Proof:* By Structure Theorem  $(S)_f = M^T D M$ , where M is the matrix defined in (3.3) and  $D = \text{diag}(f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2), \dots, f_n(x_n))$ . Therefore  $(S_f)^{-1} = N \Delta N^T$ , where  $D^{-1} = \text{diag}(1/f_1(x_1), 1/f_2(x_2), \dots, 1/f_n(x_n))$  and  $M^{-1} = N$  is the  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix in 3.10.

### Example 3.1.1

S is considered the same as in Example 3.1 and by  $(S_f)^{-1} = N \Delta N^T$ ,

then for Fermat matrix

$$\Delta = \text{diag} (1/5, 1/12, 1/252)), \quad N = M^{-1}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$\left(S_f\right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{362}{1260} & -\frac{1}{12} & -\frac{1}{252} \\ -\frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{12} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{252} & 0 & \frac{1}{252} \end{bmatrix}$$

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And for Reciprocal Fermat matrix,

$$\Delta = \text{diag} (5, -85/12, -1285/252)), \quad N = M^{-1}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\left(S_f\right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{905}{126} & \frac{85}{12} & \frac{1285}{252} \\ \frac{85}{12} & -\frac{85}{12} & 0 \\ \frac{1285}{252} & 0 & -\frac{1285}{252} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an a-set, where  $f(a) \neq 0$  and  $f(x_k) \neq f(a)$  for all  $k = 2, \dots, n$ . If  $a \in S$  (i.e.  $a = x_1$ ), then (S)<sub>f</sub> is invertible and

$$\left(\left(S_{f}\right)^{-1}\right)_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(a)} + \sum_{k=2}^{n} \frac{1}{f(x_{k}) - f(a)} & \text{if } i = j = 1, \\ \frac{1}{f(x_{k}) - f(a)} & \text{if } 1 < i = j, \\ \frac{1}{f(a) - f(x_{k})} & \text{if } 1 = i < j = k \text{ or } 1 = j < i = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(3.11)

If  $a \notin S$  and further  $f(x_1) \neq f(a)$  and  $\frac{1}{f(a)} \neq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{f(x_k) - f(a)}$ , then  $(S)_f$  is invertible and

$$\left(\left(S_{f}\right)^{-1}\right)_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(x_{k}) - f(a)} - \frac{1}{[f(x_{k}) - f(a)]^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{f(a)} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{f(x_{k}) - f(a)}\right)^{-1} & \text{if } i = j, \\ \frac{1}{[f(x_{k}) - f(a)][f(x_{k}) - f(a)]} \left(\frac{1}{f(a)} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{f(x_{k}) - f(a)}\right)^{-1} & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$
(3.12)

#### **CONCLUSION:**

In this paper we prove by examples that the Fermat Meet and Reciprocal Fermat matrices on A sets satisfies structure theorem and calculate the determinant and inverse of these matrices through results based on A sets.

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